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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: : Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- October 1982

I. GENERAL

With the war in Lebanon virtually over as far as military activity is concerned, and Turkey also fairly quiet, Bureau wordage for October declined to around 540,000 and life was noticeably easier for the entire staff. The Hebrew section is taking advantage of the relative calm to take use or lose annual leave.

Turkish staffing hit a critical point in October when [] decided that she would go on maternity leave as of 3 October. With [] out on sick leave, and [] still in the United States, that left the bureau with one Turkish monitor for about 2 weeks. [] was able to cope by working some overtime, recording and delaying processing of some cases, and shifting some coverage, especially Ankara ANATOLIA, to BBC on 2 days. [] came back to work part time (approximately 30 hours per week) on 10 October, and [] returned from the U.S. on 18 October, so that by the end of the month the bureau was able to resume its full Turkish language coverage, with the exception of two programs being recorded 4 nights per week.

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Teletypist [] submitted a letter of resignation this month, effective around the end of November. After a very short recruiting campaign by word of mouth, an excellent candidate was found who is now in the process of getting clearances before coming on board.

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The national airline El Al was closed the entire month of October, and after labor negotiations broke down, the El Al management decided to disband the airline. Incensed airline employees took over the airport and runways on 27 October, closing the airport to all traffic for 24 hours. Renewed negotiations reopened the airport, but the continued existence of El Al was still

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in doubt at the end of the month, awaiting a final Government decision.

The Bureau's new cabinet for copy boards arrived in the middle of the month, further streamlining the look of the editorial room. The final touch was provided at the end of the month with the installation of new carpeting for the entire Bureau.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

HEBREW SECTION

Besides the El Al mess, the aftermath of the campaign in Lebanon provided the major stories for the Bureau's Hebrew section in October. The Commission of Inquiry into Israel's responsibility for the Sabra and Shatila massacre begin operations in earnest in October, calling Chief of Staff Eytan, Northern commander Drori, Defense Minister Sharon and other figures to testify. Continuing minor incidents along the frontlines, Israeli involvement in Lebanese Druze vs. Phalangist fighting, preparing the Lebanese refugee camps for winter, and the talks on withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon figured heavily in the Bureau file. In addition, the Knesset Winter Session opened on 18 October with lengthy speeches by Prime Minister Begin and opposition leader Peres.

TURKISH SECTION

The new Turkish constitution was finally passed by the National Security Council on 20 October, and a general referendum to approve the constitution set for 7 November. To drum up support for the referendum, Head of State Kenan Evren began a daily campaign of speeches around the country on 24 October. Consequently, VOTCP also began a daily commentary refuting that day's Evren speech.

B. Communications

At headquarters request, a tracer action was initiated on TA061519, originally not received in Headquarters and refiled on 8 October. After an investigation, RUES accepted responsibility for nondelivery of the item.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

Turkish Monitor [] returned from a mild heart attack on 10 October, working 30 hours per week at first.

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Turkish Section Chief [] returned from the Foreign National Orientation Program, and Annual Leave in the United States, on 18 October.

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Turkish Monitor [] began indefinite maternity leave on 3 October.

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IV. VISITS

Headquarters psychiatrist [] visited the Bureau 12 - 14 October, talking with all staff and nonstaff personnel available.

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Vienna Bureau Senior Editor [] on Annual Leave in Israel, stopped in and had a tour of the Bureau on 25 October.

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Visiting AG analyst [] was on TDY to the Bureau 22 - 28 October. The Bureau Chief arranged various meetings for her with Embassy personnel, the Consulate in Jerusalem and various other contacts in Israel.

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Attachments: a. Production Report
b. Communications Report
c. Engineering Report

ATTACHMENT C

ENGINEERING REPORT -- TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1982

EQUIPMENT RECEIVED : NONE

EQUIPMENT TRANSFERRED : NONE

PROJECTS : NONE - General Maintenance

TEL AVIV BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR October 1982ATTACHMENT AI. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 451,200
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 88,400
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 1,289

| | <u>BROADCASTS</u> | <u>PRESS AGENCIES</u> | <u>PUBLICATIONS</u> |
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE
(minutes or issues per week)

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| | 6,873 | 10,590 | 51 |
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES
(publishable words per month)

CLANDESTINE

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| (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran | 6,300 | | |
| (Clandestine) Voice of Iranian Kordestan in Persian to Iran | 0 | | |
| (Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in English to Cyprus | 2,400 | | |
| (Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in Turkish to Cyprus | 8,800 | | |
| (Clandestine) Our Radio in Turkish to Turkey | 3,300 | | |
| (Clandestine) Voice of Turkish Communist Party in Turkish to Europe and Turkey | 16,000 | | |

ISRAEL

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| Jerusalem Domestic Service in English | 15,100 | | |
| Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew | 96,000 | | |
| Jerusalem Domestic Television Service in Hebrew | 21,300 | | |
| Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew | 27,400 | | |
| Tel Aviv ITIM in Hebrew | | 12,300 | |
| Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English | | 10,700 | |

| | BROADCASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLICATIONS |
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| ISRAEL (cont'd) | | | |
| Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English | | | 36,200 |
| Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew | | | 7,600 |
| Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew | | | 16,200 |
| Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew | | | 32,700 |
| Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew | | | 0 |
| Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew | | | 1,400 |
| Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew | | | 45,500 |
| Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew | | | 13,800 |
| Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew | | | 4,900 |
| Tel Aviv YOMAN HASHAVU'A in Hebrew | | | 2,100 |
| LEBANON | | | |
| Marj 'Uyun Lebanon Voice of Hope in English | 400 | | |
| Marj 'Uyun Lebanon Voice of Hope in Arabic | 4,100 | | |
| TURKEY | | | |
| Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish | 48,900 | | |
| Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish | | 3,000 | |
| Ankara ANATOLIA in English | | 12,500 | |
| Ankara ANATOLIA in French | | 100 | |
| | | 0 | |
| UNITED KINGDOM | | | |
| London BBC World Service in English | 200 | | |
| USSR | | | |
| Moscow in Dari to Afghanistan | 0 | | |
| Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew to Israel | 2,000 | | |

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TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR October, 1982 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 451,200 (603,000)
TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 88,400 (90,850)
DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 17,406 (23,128)
HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 31,600 ON 5 October
LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 5,490 ON 23 October

2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 10 HOURS,1.95 PERCENT.
OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 10 HOURS,1.95 PERCENT.

EXTENDED OUTAGES: Outages totalling 3 hours affected both the
incoming and outgoing circuits on 6 October due to disk failure
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3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 1,570 (2,760)

NB. Figures from preceding month in parentheses.